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CITE FBIS/LONDON 14660

TO: FBIS INFO FBIS/VIENNA.

REF: FBIS/LONDON 14451

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1. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REGARDING VISIT [] WAS CONTAINED IN REF. HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES TO ROUND OFF REPORT.

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2. [] APPEARED VERY OLD AND ILL TO ME. HE SEEMS TOTALLY UNINTERESTED IN ANYTHING, AND HIS ROLE LARGELY CEREMONIAL. [] SAYS THAT THE NEXT ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL IS DUE IN MACCH, BUT NO ONE EXPECTS [] TO LAST BEYOND THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE NEXT [] DIRECTOR GENERAL ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE FROM THE [] PARTY OF THE CURRENT FOREIGN SECRETARY). SINCE ALMOST ALL OTHER BROADCASTING AUTHORITIES [] ARE CONTROLLED BY [] WHETHER OR NOT THIS MEANS ANYTHING FOR DW OR US I DON'T KNOW.

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3. IN REGARD TO [] STATEMENT THAT FBIS' PARENT ORGANIZATION WAS NEVER A REAL PROBLEM FOR [] BUT WAS ONLY A SMOKESCREEN FOR A GRAB [] BY [] POLITICIANS WHO WANTED A MONITORING SERVICE THAT COULD BE MANIPULATED, I LEARNED THAT STATE SECRETARY [] IS RESPONSIBLE [] AS WELL. HE HAS THE [] APPARENTLY HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE END [] AS AN INDEPENDENT MONITORING SERVICE. THIS, PRESUMABLY, IS WHAT GIVES [] HIS SENSE OF OPTIMISM ABOUT [] RECOMMENDATIONS, IF IN FACT THEY EVER APPEAR. [] SAYS THAT THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE WORST YEAR OF HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE BUT THAT AT LEAST, IN GATHERING SUPPORT AGAINST THE [] ATTACK, HE HAS FAR BETTER CONTACTS WITH HIS CONSUMERS THAN EVERBEFORE.

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4. AS YOU CAN SEE, [] HAS ALREADY GONE INTO

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ACTION ON OUR BEHALF HANDLING THE CAR PROCUREMENT. NEXT WEEK,
AFTER WE HAVE HAD TIME TO REVIEW THE UNRESOLVED ADMINISTRATIVE
DETAILS (MOSTLY PETTY CASH AND THINGS OF EXCEPT
FOR THE HOUSING ISSUE), AY WILL OPEN THE LONDON [REDACTED] 25X1
ADMINISTRATIVE DIALOGUE AND THINGS SHOULD START TO MOVE MORE
BRISKLY. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT SHE WILL BE ON H/L DURING THE
START-UP [REDACTED] BUT WE WILL MAKE SURE [REDACTED] 25X1
IS AS WELL BRIEFED AS POSSIBLE.

5 [REDACTED] IS A SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE YOUNG OFFICER 25X1
AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN EXPECT BOTH HARD WORK AND HIGH
COMPETENCE IN HIS PERFORMANCE [REDACTED] IT WILL ONLY BE IMPORTANT 25X1
THAT HE KEEP STATION SENSITIVITIES IN MIND, THAT HE CONSULT
THEM AND LONDON ON ANY STICKY ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE, AND
THAT HE KEEP US BOTH INFORMED. [REDACTED] GAVE A SMALL LECTURE ON 25X1
THIS TOPIC DURING OUR MEETING WITH HIM.

6. AS MENTIONED IN REF [REDACTED] IS CONSIDERING VISITING 25X1
BBC LATE THIS FALL AND WOULD LIKE TO BRING [REDACTED] WITH HIM FOR 25X1
A DAY OF DISCUSSION REGARDING FBIS [REDACTED] DISCUSSED 25X1
THIS WITH [REDACTED] DURING HIS FRIDAY STOPOVER IN LONDON, AND 25X1
I BELIEVE HE AGREES. [REDACTED] VISIT WILL PROBABLY OCCUR AFTER 25X1
THE WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEFS' CONFERENCE, SO THERE SHOULD BE
AMPLE TIME FOR THE WIRE AND DRD TO GIVE [REDACTED] AND ME A REPORT 25X1
ON TRANSLATION/EDITING, COVERAGE, COORDINATION OR OTHER PROBLEMS
VISIBLE FROM HQS' END.

7. I GAVE [REDACTED] COPY OF LATEST FBIS-BBC [REDACTED] 25X1
COVERAGE SCHEDULE AS AID IN KNOWING WHERE TO DIRECT REQUESTS.
[REDACTED] SHOULD BE PUT ON PERMANENT DISTRIBUTION. 25X1

8. RVW 30 MAY 85.
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